

Senate Resolution 9 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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1 A Resolution recognizing March 2013 as Iowa Women's
2 History Month.

3 WHEREAS, Iowa women of every race, class, and
4 ethnic background have made historic contributions
5 to the growth and strength of our state and nation
6 in countless recorded and unrecorded ways, including
7 through the struggle for women's rights; and

8 WHEREAS, Iowa women have played and continue to
9 play a critical economic, cultural, and social role by
10 constituting a significant portion of the labor force
11 working inside and outside of the home despite being
12 underpaid; and

13 WHEREAS, Iowa women were particularly important in
14 the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic,
15 and cultural institutions in our state and nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Iowa women and men amended the Constitution
17 of the State of Iowa to read that "All men and women
18 are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain
19 inalienable rights..."; and

20 WHEREAS, Iowa women have been leaders in business,
21 industry, labor, agriculture, and academia as well
22 as in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation
23 movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil
24 rights movement, the peace movement, and the woman
25 suffrage movement, which have helped to create a more
26 fair and just society for all; and

27 WHEREAS, despite these contributions, and those
28 of women throughout the world, the role of women has

1 been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in
2 the literature, teaching, and study of history; NOW
3 THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
5 recognizes the month of March 2013 as Iowa Women's
6 History Month and invites the citizens of Iowa to
7 continue to uncover the roles women have played
8 throughout history.